

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

MARKED VERSION OF THE CLAIMS WITH PRESENT STATUS DELINEATED

- THE CLAIMS ARE HEREIN AMENDED, CANCELLED, OR ADDED TO, SO AS TO EVENTUATE IN THE NEW SET OF PENDING CLAIMS LISTED BELOW. THIS LISTING OF THE CLAIMS WILL REPLACE ALL PRIOR VERSION AND LISTINGS OF THE CLAIMS IN THIS APPLICATION

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 15, without prejudice to the subject matter claimed therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A reusable sorbing coalescing agent facilitating the separation of a non-aqueous phase from an aqueous phase consisting of a ragged-edge particulate ~~self-cleaning~~ reusable material having substantially small uniform sized particulate units, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 1 μ m to 3 cm, wherein said particulate units have a dimension in the nanoscale range, and wherein the ragged edges of said particulate units include filaments extending outwardly therefrom.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the particulate reusable material includes ~~substantially small uniform sized~~ particulate units of a size ranging from ~~10 μ to 1000 μ~~ 10 μ m to 2000 μ m.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim ~~2~~, 1, wherein the ~~element of its web~~ dimension in the nanoscale range (10^{-9} m) is selected from the group consisting of the particulate unit thickness of the ~~particulate itself~~, the size of the ~~at least one~~ filament size, the ~~thickness of at least one~~ ragged edge thickness and combinations thereof.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim ~~8~~, 4, wherein the ~~element of its web~~ dimension in the nanoscale range (10^{-9} m) is selected from the group consisting of the particulate unit thickness of the ~~particulate itself~~, the size of the ~~at least one~~ filament size, the ~~thickness of at least one~~ ragged edge thickness and combinations thereof.

11. (Previously Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to ~~claim 12~~ claim 4, wherein the particulate reusable material includes ~~substantially small uniform sized~~ particulate units of a size ranging from ~~10 μ to 1000 μ~~ 10 μ m to 1000 μ m

14. (Currently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 wherein the particulate reusable material is an organophilic hydrophobic ~~polarizable sorbing coalescing agent~~ capable of being electrostatically charged.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Cancelled)

17. (Previously Cancelled)

18. (Previously Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

19. (New) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 10, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 1000 μm

20. (New) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 19 wherein the particulate reusable material is an organophilic hydrophobic sorbing coalescing agent capable of being electrostatically charged.